GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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INDUSTRY STATUS TO HARVESTING OF HERBAL MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn a policy to promote the export of herbal medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it could be made operational;

(c) whether the Government propose to grant harvesting of herbal medicines a status of the industry; and

(d) if so, by when?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b) : Foreign Trade Policy 2004-2009 announced on 31.8.2004 and amended subsequently with effect from 01.04.2005 has various Export Promotion Schemes including Advance Licensing Scheme and Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme. The Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana is particularly focused, interalia, on promotion of exports of Minor Forest Produce including specified Medicinal Plants as well. These Schemes are already operational and details thereof are given in the Book titled Foreign Trade Policy 2004-2009 and Handbook of Procedures Vol.1 2004-2009.

(c) & (d) : No such proposal is under consideration.